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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as

follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, immediately after the title, please insert:

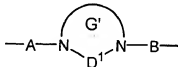
This application is a 371 of PCT/JP00/01022 filed February 23, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel without prejudice claim 8.

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) The heterocyclic compound according to claim 1, wherein the group of the formula: -A-D-B- is a group of the following formula:



ATTACHMENT E